

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 7, 2006

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Members Present

Virginia Kivlighan, Vice Chair
Nixsa Swinson
Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate
Mark Seymour, Children's Advocate

Members Absent

Marita Derrick
Tammy Johnson

VCSB Representatives

W. Jerry Thomas, Executive Director
Nancy Curry, LHRC Liaison

Reporting Affiliates

De Paul Family Services
Community Living Services

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Virginia Kivlighan, Vice Chair called the July 7, 2006 LHRC meeting to order and requested individuals present to introduction themselves.	N/A
Public Comments	No public comments	N/A
Presentations DePaul Family Services	<p>1) DePaul Family Services (w/handout)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Human Rights Training is conducted yearly – conducted by Mr. Hall. Additionally, staff attend training provided by Chuck Collins, Regional Advocate. ▪ During Admission Process, Human Rights Information is shared with each participant. Terms are conveyed in the most efficient and comprehensive manner. ▪ No formal complaints since last report – there have been a few informal complaints. In one instance, the individual was referred to another program in order to better meet his needs. <p>Mr. Hall reported on an incident that occurred when a new consumer moved into the group home and became predatory towards another consumer. After trying various modalities and discussions with the team, case manager, and family members, it was decided to admit the consumer to a CPTC; however, DePaul</p>	<u>Informational</u> – Written Report attached to minutes

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	<p>Family Services had to agree to allow the consumer to return to their facility.</p> <p>Mr. Collins requested clarification as to whether Piedmont provided correct information regarding this individual's program needs. Mr. Hall feels that Piedmont simply did not have sufficient knowledge regarding this individual, but he doesn't believe information was intentionally omitted.</p>	
Community Living Services	<p>Mr. Shaffren presented on the Community Living Services program with handouts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff attends training on Human Rights conducted by Chuck Collins and there is internal training as well. ▪ Consumers are notified of their rights through a combination of ways - the Human Rights Information from the Regulations book, and pictures are used for consumers who may require this type of instruction. Also, Rights are reviewed at the yearly and quarterly ISP and then signed by all parties. ▪ One informal complaint filed – a full investigation was conducted and it was found to be an accident and not neglect – staff person was counseled and retrained. A different type of chair was purchased to better accommodate consumers' needs. ▪ Formal citation from licensure in the Mount Sydney home due to a water main break and failure of the landlord to correct this environmental/health problem. Therefore, CLS had no option but to break their lease and move their consumers to a safer/healthier environment in Lyndhurst. ▪ A discussion ensued regarding a consumer who is medically fragile. However, this individual requires or may require mechanical restraints – in order to use mechanical restraints it is imperative to follow the guidelines outlined in the Regulations Book. Mr. Collins read from Section: RESTRAINTS - pg 27 Item #3). * ▪ Difficult to find trained individuals. Require either a high school diploma and / or at least 1 year of training with intense observation by supervisory staff. 	<p><u>Informational</u> – Written Report attached to the minutes</p> <p>* LHRC has to review if (a) the doctor prescribes the restraint, (b) appropriate informed consent on behalf or by the consumer and (c) the LHRC</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A culture of Human Rights is established that is clearly stated in the Mission Statement. <p>Ms. Swinson commented on the progress that Community Living Services has made.</p>	approves.
Approval of April Minutes	Tabled until a quorum is present	None at this time.
VCSB Agency Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Thomas stated that Valley may receive approximately 4 waiver slots from the current allotment of funds. The number of individuals on the urgent care list has slightly decreased from the original number of 54. Unfortunately, the waiver slots do not grow as quickly as the urgent care list. There is discussion at the VACSB level on changes to the Day Support Waiver. This would provide more flexibility and services provided without needing to go through a full ordeal for a waiver slot. There are individuals on the committee who have served on numerous other boards and committees. A very objective process is used to allocate waiver slots based on urgent needs, level of functioning, emergent factors. Identifying information is not used in the review— solely based on need. The next step is to provide names / locations of all the service providers, not just Valley. The consumer makes the choice (case manager may assist them in choice when necessary or appropriate). Valley Community Services Board is paying close attention to the residential needs because consumers are being pressured to leave their living quarters and finding appropriate and affordable housing proves to be difficult. Therefore, Valley is taking a proactive approach through actions such as; purchase of a home, renovating an SA home for women, looking at property in Staunton for purchase, as well as purchasing property in order to build a new facility for the Clubhouse and / or Apartments. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Day treatment program is currently in 9 schools with plans to add 2 more. 	
1314 W. Johnson Street Property	<p>Ms. Kivlighan inquired as to how the community accepts VCSB “moving into their neighborhood.” Mr. Thomas explained that we are not well received, however we are increasing public relations and communicating with the community to raise awareness and provide information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A discussion ensued regarding “stigma” , misperception of consumer and lack of acceptance by communities to welcome consumers. 	
Mr. Collins’ Announcements	<p>(1) Mr. Collins reported that Regulations (blue book) are not complete and a date for new regulations to be released is not known at this time; therefore, LHRCs will continue to use the current Regulations.</p> <p>(2) Because of the no. 1 request that came out of the Survey that was sent to individuals who may have attended the LHRC Seminar, was information and an update on the new regulations. Because of the numerous request and release of new regulations is unknown, the Office of Human Rights postponed the LHRC Seminar.</p> <p>(3) The Human Rights training for staff on June 7th had approximately 30 individuals participating from all affiliated programs. The training lasted for over 2 hours with emphasis on safety & “treatment with dignity” Also addressed is the specific duties providers have when a consumer makes an allegation of abuse or neglect?</p> <p>(4) Comprehensive training is provided once a year to each of the 7 CSBs in Mr. Collins’ Region.</p> <p>(5) <u>Cases for May 2006</u> 8 Cases from Valley Community Services Board (all were resolved) 1 Case from Community Living Services</p>	<p><u>Informational:</u> Proposed timeframe for LHRC Seminar is projected for Spring of 2007.</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">2 Cases from Augusta Medical Center</p> <p><u>Cases for June 2006</u> 8 Cases from Valley Community Services Board (a few pending from May) 1 Case from Community Living Services</p>	
Old/New Business	<p><u>Old Business</u> Next of Friend Appointment – Case Manager decided not to pursue – other arrangements have been made for consumer.</p> <p><u>New Business</u> No new business to discuss</p>	No action needed at this time.
Adjourn	With no further business to discuss the Valley Community Services Board LHRC meeting was adjourned	

**The Next Meeting of Valley Community Services Board
Local Human Rights Committee is scheduled for
Friday, September 8, 2006**